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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR CURRENT INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: HIE-94: Probable Developments in East Germany through 1955

1. Terms of reference for HIE-94 were approved by the IAC representatives on 6 October, at which time the IAC agencies agreed to submit their contributions by 16 November.

2. While we welcome an assist by OCI on any question set forth in the terms of reference, we have isolated a few questions on which an OCI contribution is particularly desired:

- a. Does current intelligence indicate that the USSR plans to conclude a unilateral peace treaty with East Germany or to dismantle further occupation controls?
- b. Is there any current intelligence about the degree of popular support enjoyed by the East German regime?
- c. Does current intelligence indicate that there are any major conflicts within the SED? Has the "new course" in economic policy or the events of 17 June resulted in increased deviationism or in the emergence of "Titoist" elements?
- d. Is there any evidence that the withdrawal of all or a part of the Soviet armed forces in East Germany is contemplated?
- e. Is there any intelligence concerning the extent to which the USSR is expanding the construction of military (particularly airfield) installations in East Germany? Changes in transportation facilities in East Germany that have military significance?

3. Any help you can give us on the above by about 16 November will be much appreciated.

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